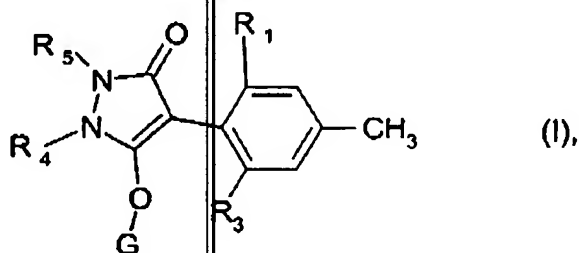


## In the Claims

Claim 1. (Previously Amended) A selectively herbicidal composition which, in addition to customary inert formulation assistants, comprises as active ingredient a mixture of  
a) a herbicidally effective amount of a compound of formula I



wherein

$R_1$  and  $R_3$  are, each independently of the other, ethyl, haloethyl, ethynyl,  $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -alkoxy,  $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -haloalkoxy,  $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -alkylcarbonyl or  $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -hydroxyalkyl;  
 $R_4$  and  $R_5$  together are a group  $Z_2$  which is  $-CR_{14}(R_{15})-CR_{16}(R_{17})-O-CR_{18}(R_{19})-CR_{20}(R_{21})-$ ;  $R_{14}$ ,  $R_{15}$ ,  $R_{16}$ ,  $R_{17}$ ,  $R_{18}$ ,  $R_{19}$ ,  $R_{20}$  and  $R_{21}$  are, each independently of the others, hydrogen, halogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ haloalkyl, wherein an alkylene ring may be fused or spiro-bound to the carbon atoms of the group  $Z_2$ , which alkylene ring, together with the carbon atoms of the group  $Z_2$ , to which it is bonded, contains from 2 to 6 carbon atoms and may be interrupted by oxygen, or the alkylene ring bridges at least one ring atom of the group  $Z_2$ ;  
 $G$  is hydrogen,  $-C(X_1)-R_{30}$ ,  $-C(X_2)-X_3-R_{31}$ ,  $-C(X_4)-NR_{32}(R_{33})$ ,  $-S(O)_2-R_{34}$ ,  $-P(X_5)R_{35}R_{36}$ ,  $-CH_2-X_6-R_{37}$  or an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation;  
 $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$ ,  $X_4$ ,  $X_5$  and  $X_6$  are, each independently of the others, oxygen or sulfur;  
 $R_{30}$ ,  $R_{31}$ ,  $R_{32}$ ,  $R_{33}$ ,  $R_{34}$ ,  $R_{35}$ ,  $R_{36}$  and  $R_{37}$  are, each independently of the others, hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ cyanoalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ nitroalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ aminoalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_5$ alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_5$ haloalkenyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$ cycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylamino- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl, di( $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl)amino- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_7$ cycloalkyl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkoxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_5$ alkenyloxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_5$ alkynyloxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylthio- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylsulfoxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ -alkylsulfonyl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkylideneaminoxy- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylcarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkoxycarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylaminocarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl, di( $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl)aminocarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylcarbonylamino- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylcarbonyl-( $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl)-amino- $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl, tri( $C_1$ -

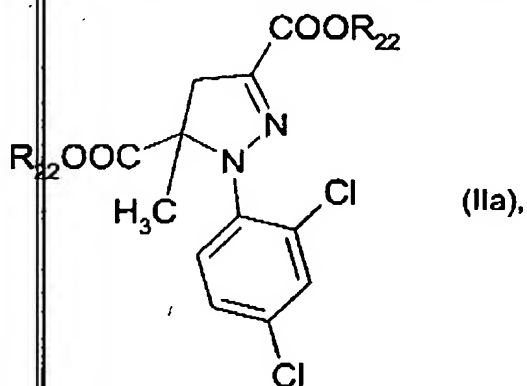
or C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl)silyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, phenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl, phenoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl or heteroaryloxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl, wherein the afore-mentioned aromatic rings may be substituted by halogen, nitro, cyano, amino, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl)amino, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, carboxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkoxycarbonyl or by C<sub>1</sub>- or C<sub>2</sub>-haloalkyl;

R<sub>34</sub>, R<sub>35</sub> and R<sub>36</sub> are, in addition, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>haloalkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkylamino, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkyl)amino, benzyloxy or phenoxy, wherein the aromatic rings of the last two substituents may be substituted by halogen, nitro, cyano, amino, dimethylamino, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, carboxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>alkoxycarbonyl or by C<sub>1</sub>- or C<sub>2</sub>-haloalkyl; and

R<sub>37</sub> is, in addition, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>alkylcarbonyl,

or a salt or diastereoisomer of a compound of formula I, and

b) an amount, which is effective for antagonism of the herbicide, of a safener of formula IIa



wherein

R<sub>22</sub> is hydrogen, or an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation, or ethyl.

Claim 2. (Previously Amended) A composition according to claim 1, which comprises as active ingredient a mixture of a) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicide of formula I, wherein

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub> and G are as defined in claim 1, and

b) an amount, which is effective for antagonism of the herbicide, of a safener of formula IIa, wherein

R<sub>22</sub> is as defined in claim 1 for formula IIa.

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Claim 3. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_3$  in the compounds of formula I are, each independently of the other, ethyl, haloethyl, ethynyl,  $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -alkoxy or  $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -haloalkoxy.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  in the compounds of formula I together form a group  $Z_2$  which is  $-CR_{14}(R_{15})-CR_{16}(R_{17})-O-CR_{18}(R_{19})-CR_{20}(R_{21})-$  ( $Z_2$ ), wherein  $R_{14}$ ,  $R_{15}$ ,  $R_{16}$ ,  $R_{17}$ ,  $R_{18}$ ,  $R_{19}$ ,  $R_{20}$  and  $R_{21}$  are hydrogen.

Claim 5. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein G in the compounds of formula I is hydrogen,  $-C(X_1)-R_{30}$ ,  $-C(X_2)-X_3-R_{31}$ ,  $-C(X_4)-NR_{32}(R_{33})$ ,  $-S(O)_2-R_{34}$ ,  $-P(X_5)R_{35}R_{36}$ ,  $-CH_2-X_6-R_{37}$  or an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation;  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$ ,  $X_4$ ,  $X_5$  and  $X_6$  are, each independently of the others, oxygen or sulfur;  $R_{30}$ ,  $R_{31}$ ,  $R_{32}$ ,  $R_{33}$ ,  $R_{34}$ ,  $R_{35}$ ,  $R_{36}$  and  $R_{37}$  are, each independently of the others, hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ cyanoalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ nitroalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ aminoalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_5$ alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_5$ haloalkenyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$ cycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylamino- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl, di( $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkyl)amino- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_7$ cycloalkyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkoxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_4$ alkenyloxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_4$ alkynyloxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkylthio- $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkylsulfoxy- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkylsulfonyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkylideneaminooxy- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylcarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkoxycarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylamino-carbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl, di( $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl)aminocarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkylcarbonylamino- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkylcarbonyl-( $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkyl)-amino- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl, tri( $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -alkyl)silyl- $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, phenyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl, heteroaryl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl, phenoxy- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl or heteroaryloxy- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl;  $R_{34}$ ,  $R_{35}$  and  $R_{36}$  are, in addition,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ haloalkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkylamino, di( $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkyl)amino, benzyloxy or phenoxy, wherein the aromatic rings of the last two substituents may be substituted by halogen, nitro, cyano, amino, dimethylamino, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, carboxyl,  $C_1$ - $C_5$ alkoxycarbonyl or by  $C_1$ - or  $C_2$ -haloalkyl; and  $R_{37}$  is, in addition,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ alkylcarbonyl.

Claim 6. (Original) A composition according to claim 5, wherein G is hydrogen,  $-C(X_1)-R_{30}$ ,  $-C(X_2)-X_3-R_{31}$ ,  $-C(X_4)-NR_{32}(R_{33})$ ,  $-S(O)_2-R_{34}$ ,  $-P(X_5)R_{35}R_{36}$ ,  $-CH_2-X_6-R_{37}$  or an alkali

metal, alkaline earth metal, sulfonium or ammonium cation;  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$ ,  $X_4$ ,  $X_5$  and  $X_6$  are, each independently of the others, oxygen or sulfur;  $R_{30}$ ,  $R_{31}$ ,  $R_{32}$ ,  $R_{33}$ ,  $R_{34}$ ,  $R_{35}$ ,  $R_{36}$  and  $R_{37}$  are, each independently of the others, hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ haloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_5$ alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_5$ haloalkenyl,  $C_3$ - $C_6$ cycloalkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_7$ cycloalkyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkoxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, phenyl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl, heteroaryl- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl, phenoxy- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl or heteroaryloxy- $C_1$ - $C_2$ alkyl;  $R_{34}$ ,  $R_{35}$  and  $R_{36}$  are, in addition,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkylamino or di( $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkyl)amino; and  $R_{37}$  is, in addition,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ alkylcarbonyl.

Claim 7. Cancelled.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A method of selectively controlling weeds and grasses in crops of useful plants, which comprises treating the useful plants, their seeds or seedlings or the crop area thereof with, simultaneously or separately, a) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicide of formula I as claimed in claim 1, b) an amount, which is effective for antagonism of the herbicide, of a safener of formula IIa and, optionally, c) an additive comprising an oil of vegetable origin or an alkylated derivative thereof, or a mineral oil or a mixture thereof.

Claim 9. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 8, which comprises treating crops of useful plants or crop areas for crops of useful plants with from 0.001 to 2 kg/ha of a herbicide of formula I and an amount of from 0.001 to 0.5 kg/ha of a safener of formula IIa.

Claim 10. (Original) A method according to claim 8, wherein the crops of useful plants are cereals, maize and sorghum.

Claim 11. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, which also comprises, in addition to the formulation adjuvants, an oil additive in the form of a vegetable oil concentrate consisting of the 4 components (A) from 20 to 90 % by weight of an alkyl ester of a higher fatty acid ( $C_4$ - $C_{22}$ ), (B) from 4 to 40 % by weight of an anionic surfactant, (C) from 2 to 20 % by weight of a higher fatty acid ( $C_{10}$ - $C_{20}$ ), and (D) up to 140 % by weight, based on the total amount of components (A) to (C), of a hydrocarbon.

Claim 12. (Original) A composition according to claim 11, wherein (A) is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl ester of a C<sub>12</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> fatty acid, (B) is an anionic surfactant of the dodecylbenzylsulfonate type, (C) is a C<sub>12</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> fatty acid, and (D) is an aromatic hydrocarbon.

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